

RE: Agency Revision Team (ART)

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program and CALFED agencies are scheduled to select a preferred alternative in mid- to late-September, 1998. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program intends to distribute the Administrative Programmatic EIS/EIR to CALFED agencies on October 19. Because of the time needed to produce the Final Programmatic EIS/EIR (or a Final Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR) for distribution by the end of the year, CALFED agencies will have only two weeks to review the Administrative Draft. Consequently, CALFED agencies need to be involved in the preparation of all documents beginning now and continuing up to the time the Administrative Draft is given to them. We are proposing each agency participate in the process of revising the current Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR and its appendices.

To facilitate the process of revision, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is convening an interagency team, the Agency Revision Team (ART), to address agency concerns/comments about the current Draft documents and to ensure these concerns are incorporated in the current CALFED Work Plan. The purpose of ART is to:

- Identify issues regarding the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR which are not in the current CALFED Work Plan.
- Identify the tasks necessary to resolve those issues
- Identify how each agency will participate in resolving issues
- Coordinate with CALFED Bay-Delta Program managers in revising individual Program plans
- Frame any unresolved issues for consideration by the Management Team or Policy Group

ART will be comprised of one representative from each CALFED agency. Each ART representative will be responsible for identifying their agency's issues/concerns about the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR documents and for determining how their agency can best participate in resolving issues.

CALFED Bay-Delta Program Managers will integrate the efforts of ART with ongoing Work Plan efforts as a means of drawing together agency personnel with Program Managers' current efforts. Program Managers will work with ART representatives to evaluate Work Plan elements and to identify opportunities for CALFED agencies to participate in Work Plan efforts.

ART will first convene for a half-day organizational meeting on Wednesday, May 20th. ART will then meet on June 2nd and 3rd to identify agency concerns with the Draft document, to identify the tasks necessary to resolve those concerns, and to update the Work Plans. Thereafter, ART will meet monthly to chart progress and to identify issues that need to be forwarded to the Management Team or Policy Group.

Agency Revision Team Purpose

- ❖ Address agency issues/concerns about the current Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR and appendices.
- ❖ Ensure these issues/concerns are incorporated in the current CALFED Work Plan.

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